

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2173 - HB 2273

February 12, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a license program in the Department of Health for surgical technologists actively engaged in practice with at least three years surgical experience. A surgical technologist committee would certify qualified surgical technologist applicants who complete a 12-month surgical technology education program and pass a competency examination. Any person practicing or offering to practice surgical technology for compensation without an appropriate license or using the title of licensed surgical technologist (LST) or licensed operating room technician (LORT) in any manner without such license would be committing a Class B misdemeanor. The surgical technologist committee consists of four surgical technologists, one administrator of a state licensed health care facility, one licensed physician, and one public member. The committee is to be a part of the Board of Medical Examiners. The committee could revoke or suspend a license, reprimand a license holder, or place a suspended license-holder on probation if there were proof of any violations of this bill.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$58,000 Recurring
\$9,000 One-Time**

Increase State Revenues - \$67,000

Estimate assumes:

- A need in the Department of Health for two positions and related expenses to license and regulate an estimated 2,500 to 3,000 licensed surgical technologists.
- Fee revenues will equal expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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